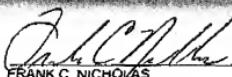


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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number  
NL010047 (7790/276)

	In re Application of: MICHEL M. J. DECRE, ET AL.	
	Application Number: 10/052,384	Filed: JANUARY 18, 2002
For METHOD OF PRODUCING A TRACK ON A SUBSTRATE		
Group Art Unit: 1782		Examiner: PARKER, F.

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to a Non-Final Office Action dated May 12, 2003 in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows:

- One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ 110.00  
 Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ 410.00  
 Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$ 930.00  
 Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$ 1,450.00  
 Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$ 1,970.00  
 Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27; therefore the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27:

- is enclosed.  
 has already been filed in this application.  
 A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.  
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1713. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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